

Missouri Universal Service Board

Minutes of Agenda Meeting

October 23, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

PSC Agenda Room, 5th Floor

Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street

Jefferson City, Missouri

Those present at the meeting were: Chair Robert Schemenauer, Vice Chair Martha Hogerty, Secretary Connie Murray, Sheila Lumpe, Harold Crumpton, M. Dianne Drainer and various staff members of PSC and OPC and members of the public.

I. Call to Order by Chair Robert Schemenauer

II. Approval of Minutes of meeting held October 1, 1998

Vote - 6-0 in favor.

III. Discussion of IFB - Discussed the need to know the factors to be decided in phase three of the Missouri Universal Service Fund Case No. TX-98-56 in order to adequately inform bidders.

Telecommunications Department presented a projected timeline for the three-phase process in Case No. TX-98-56.

Harold Crumpton moved to suspend the IFB pending the resolution of the issues to be decided in phase three of the Missouri Universal Service Fund Case No. TX-98-56. Motion was seconded by M. Dianne Drainer.

Motion Carried - Vote -6-0

Harold Crumpton moved that we accept the tentative timeline offered by Staff as a general guide for the three-phase process. M. Dianne Drainer seconded.

Motion Carried - Vote - 6-0

Keith Krueger will notify all persons that were invited to attend the bidder technical conference that the IFB has been temporarily suspended.

IV. Discussion of Bidder Qualifications - PSC General Counsel, Dan Joyce, advised the Board that a factual determination would appear to be necessary before any final determination of a bidder's eligibility. This determination would be made as a part of the bid evaluation process. The determination would probably need to focus on the bidder's interest in Missouri telecommunications entities rather than those entities' interest in the bidder, although any such relationship should also be examined.

Martha Hogerty moved that the Board request the Commission have the PSC staff review its Universal Service Fund Board rule as it pertains to duties and qualifications of the Fund Administrator and report to the Board at the next meeting. M. Dianne Drainer seconded.

Motion Carried - Vote - 6-0

V. *Other Business*

Discussed letter dated October 5, 1998 from IRS concerning Board=s application for recognition of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. General Counsel=s office will respond to the IRS concerning the questions raised in the letter.

The next meeting of the Board will be scheduled in mid-January.

VI. *Adjournment*

Chair

Date Approved